EQAC Land Use Priorities and Possible Coordination Opportunities

Joint Meeting of the Planning Commission and EQAC, September 28, 2023







Agenda

- Overall goal
- EQAC Priority Recommendations for the 2023 Annual Report on the Environment
- Other EQAC Recommendations
- EQAC Recommendation timetable and placement
- Opportunities for Coordination

EQAC Priority Recommendations for the 2023 Annual Report on the Environment

- EQAC develops four groups of recommendations as part of the Annual Report on the Environment
 - Budgetary Recommendation to the Board
 - 3-5 Priority Recommendations that require coordination with staff
 - Recommendations that that EQAC thinks would benefit from coordination with the Planning Commission
 - Other recommendations

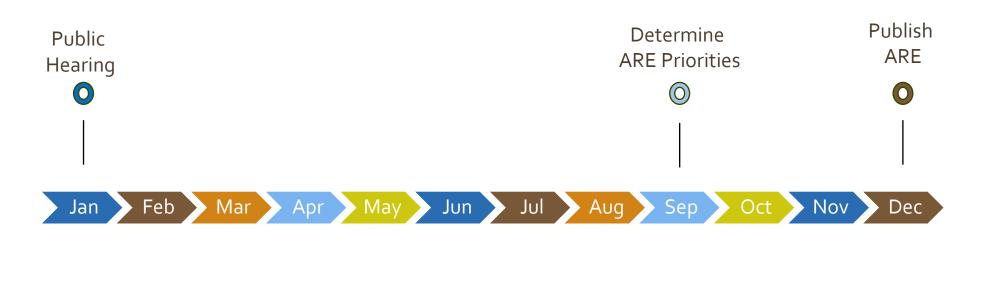
EQAC Priority Recommendations for the 2023 Annual Report on the Environment

- 2023 Priorities to Focus on with Staff—PC/EC Possible Interest
 - Recommendations ____: Update employee compensation policy to attract and retain employees, especially for positions that have been difficult to fill and retain, such as solid waste, wastewater management,
 - Recommendation 1LU-2019.3: Improve Processes to Minimize Ecological Degradation from Development Pressure.
 - Recommendation ____: Budget and establish an accountable zero waste plan for the public and private sector.
 - Recommendation 6CE2022.2 Adopt a Climate Plan for public consumption that shows how CECAP, Resilient Fairfax and other Climate related efforts, such as VCEA, are being implemented and the progress being made towards achieving goals.
 - Recommendation 6CE-2021.5 Work with the MWCOG, Virginia Association of Counties and the Northern Virginia Regional Commission to explore, promote, and support state and federal funding for building EV charging infrastructures along major transportation corridors so that Fairfax County residents and others will have access to efficient (i.e., quick) charging for electric vehicles; provide the means for people in apartments or other housing (e.g., where there is no driveway to provide charging) to charge their vehicles; and to communicate to the public the available charging network and options to support EVs.

Other 2023 ARE Recommendations

- Update the State of the Plan and Concept for Future Development Map
- Private Sector Green Building Standards
- Tidal Wetlands Outreach
- Continue and enhance protection of the Occoquan Reservoir
- Ensure Equitable Investment in Ecological Restorations and Corridors
- Invest in Authentic Community Connection to Achieve a Healthy, Tree Equitable Tree Canopy
- Collect energy consumption information on current and planned data centers in the county and determine the extent to which data centers obtain green energy in order to meet the county's carbon neutrality targets
- Encourage people to telework where possible, take public transit, and use alternative forms of transit
- Also continue investments in aerial photography, LiDAR, multispectral imagery on a business-driven cycle
- Establish yearly update cycle for Planimetric data

Timeline for Preparation of Annual Report on the Environment



Other EQAC Recommendations

- EQAC also Prepares Letter/Memos to Address Time Sensitive Issues or Recommendations
- 2023 Recommendations include:
 - Recommendations on data centers supporting steps to mitigate impacts on populations living near the datacenters
 - Recommendations on Parking Reimagined that support consideration of net environmental benefits
 - Recommendations on the management of Streams, Lakes and Ponds

EQAC Welcomes the Opportunity to Enhance Coordination with the PC/EC

- The Policy Plan review and other reviews provide an opportunity for enhancing coordination
 - This review is an opportunity to incorporate CECAP, Resilient Fairfax and One Fairfax

In Summary

 Seeking to efficiently share information with the PC/EC on EQAC recommendations, provide helpful input to the Policy Plan or other documents